

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 28, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Chairman
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554-0005

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have been following the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proposal to withdraw LightSquared's license for a terrestrial broadband network. As we move into the 21st Century, government services, small business opportunities, and educational programs are increasingly reliant on high-speed internet access. Providing broadband access to rural Americans is vital to the success of our nation. The FCC should not deprive rural citizens of the opportunity to expand and grow their potential.

While they currently provide service to thousands of Alaskans through their satellite business, LightSquared is also committed to creating partnerships with rural operators because they understand that high-speed terrestrial networks are important for underserved areas. As you know, I am most concerned and committed to calling attention to the unserved and underserved areas, which is why the path forward envisioned by LightSquared is an important aspect to close the digital divide.

I understand that the FCC has said it is open to exploring alternatives for the company. I urge you to work with LightSquared and other spectrum holders to identify alternate spectrum that could be used for a 4G LTE wireless broadband network, and to aggressively consider solutions for this company as many have proposed.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich
United States Senator

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Mark Begich
United States Senate
111 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Begich:

Thank you for your letter urging that the Commission consider options that will allow LightSquared to offer its planned wireless broadband service, including authorizing use of alternative spectrum for this service. Your letter will be included in the record of the related proceedings and considered as part of the Commission's review.

LightSquared recently submitted various filings proposing alternatives to its existing authorizations in the L-band. Commission staff is reviewing these filings and the complex technical issues associated with LightSquared's proposals.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "J. Genachowski", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the right side of the page.

Julius Genachowski